

HOUSE BILL 2349

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AN ACT to make appropriations for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2007, in the administration, operation and maintenance of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of the various departments, institutions, offices and agencies of the state; for certain state aid and obligations; for capital outlay, for the service of the public debt, for emergency and contingency; to repeal certain appropriations and any acts inconsistent herewith; to provide provisional continuing appropriations; and to establish certain provisions, limitations and restrictions under which appropriations may be obligated and expended. This act makes appropriations for the purposes described above for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2006, and July 1, 2007.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Item 1. From any appropriations made herein or in any other appropriations made in any other Act that is passed by the General Assembly, the various departments, agencies, boards and commissions of state government shall pay on behalf of each participating employee within the respective departments, agencies, boards, and commissions, not less than eighty percent (80%) of the cost of each individual's participation in the basic group medical insurance program and one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) of basic term life insurance coverage and forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) of basic special accident insurance coverage for each participating employee; such basic medical, life, and accident insurance program to be established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, Part 2.

The employer contribution amounts established by the State Insurance Committee for eligible participating employees shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the amounts appropriated in this act. The State Insurance Committee shall determine a calendar year 2008 plan of benefits and monthly premiums for each of the healthcare options it authorizes pursuant to Section 8-27-201, Tennessee Code Annotated, which result, with reasonable certainty, in the provision of sufficient revenues to pay plan expenses and to provide for the funding of reserves for estimated incurred but unreported claims. The monthly premiums and the employer contribution amounts shall be subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Finance and Administration pursuant to Section 4-3-1006, Tennessee Code Annotated.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.